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FOR PERSISTENT CONTROL
AND PROTECTION OF
CONTENT

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

In response to the Office Action mailed September 11, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 4 of this paper and include attached replacement sheets.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5.

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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the Abstract with the following rewritten Abstract:

Systems and A novel methods and apparatus for protection of streamed media content is are disclosed. In one aspect, the systemapparatus includes control means for governing gance of content streams or content objects, decryption means for decrypting content streams or content objects under control of the control means, and feedback means for tracking actual use of content streams or content objects. The control means may operate in accordance with rules received in as part of the streamed content, or through a side-band channel. The rules may specify allowed uses of the content, including whether or not the content can be copied or transferred, and whether and under what circumstances received content may be "checked out" of one device and used in another second device. The rules may also include or specify budgets, and a requirement that audit information be collected and/or transmitted to an external server. In another different aspect, the apparatus may include a media player is disclosed that uses designed to call plugins to assist in rendering content. A "trust plugin" is used to enable disclosed, along with a method of using the trust plugin so that a media player designed to render for use with unprotected content may to render protected content without the necessity of requiring any changes to the media player. In one aspect, the streamed content may be in a number of different formats, including MPEG-4, MP3, and the RMFF format.

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Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 5, with the following
rewritten paragraph:

This application is a continuation-in-part of co-pending application Ser. No. 09/270,022, filed March 16, 1999, and entitled "Method and Apparatus for Persistent Protection and Control of Content," by Talal G. Shamoon et al., which claims the benefit of priority to provisional patent application No. 60/078,053, filed March 16, 1998. This application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. 119 and/or 120 from each of application Nos. 09/270,022 and 60/078,053.